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1. Since the Trieste question came up a group of the younger Party leaders has come together in a kind of opposition. They make use of the Party Criticism mechanism against the Head of State on the ground that in his respect for the capitalistic states he is going too far and is apt to lose his nationalist point of view.
2. This Party criticism is headed by Peter Sanjovic (possibly a cover name).
3. This criticism looks toward a policy of balance, midway between Moscow and the West, but standing ready to say "No" to either, should the occasion arise.
4. Tito's reaction. Criticism within the Party cannot really endanger Tito's position, but can force him to a shifting and double-faced policy. For instance:
  - a. General Vukmanovic, who was in Moscow during August, has gone there again to investigate the Soviet position on Trieste as well as on the general Balkan question.
  - b. The British representative F. Maclean, who during World War II was the head of the British Mission to the partisans, is negotiating in Belgrade on the basis of a telephone conversation between Churchill and Tito. The negotiations were concerned not only with the political problem of Trieste, but also with commercial matters, such as the delivery of molybdenum, copper and uranium, which the US is trying to buy all over the world.
  - c. Popovic, Tito's Foreign Minister, has consulted with Georges Bidault about bringing about a meeting with Italian Premier Pella, or, at least a solution of the Trieste question on neutral soil.

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